

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (The list of classes is on the next-to-the-last page.)

Among our friends...and beyond...

To let you know, Jane and Vernon Goering have returned to Kansas! Their address is 3061 Ivy Court, North Newton, 67117. Phone is 507-822-7885.

Please delete the following email address for Ruth Lehman Wiens ruthwiens@gmail.com, that email actually belongs to a woman in Canada! Use rwuens@kumc.edu for our Ruth Lehman Wiens.

Please change Ruth Rutschman-Holliday's email to bicyped@gmail.com.

Join us for the last **Peace Poetry** event of 2018, Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m., at R Coffeehouse in Riverside. There are wonderful poets right here in Wichita (and a couple in this church!) and we're pleased that some of them will be reading on Tuesday! This event is sponsored by People of Faith for Peace.

To increase office coverage at LAMC during the upcoming transitional period, the Staff Relations Committee is taking applications for an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, 30 hours a week. Applicants must have skills in: all forms of communication, Microsoft Office, web maintenance, and general accounting. If you are interested in this position or know someone who might be, please contact Melanie Mitchell.

The 2018 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu.

Western District Annual Assembly features a *free* concert for the whole family on Saturday evening, July 28 at 7 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS. Bryan Moyer Suderman, folk singer/song-writer, connects with all ages through his simple, but profound, scripture songs. Invite your friends and neighbors for a relaxing evening. Come for the whole Annual Assembly July 27-28! For more information and to register, go to: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2018annualAssembly>

Urgent need for a nurse! Camp Mennoscah is looking for a nurse for the week of July 15-21. Please contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We'd love to have a nurse for the full week but let us know if you'd be able to do a partial week, too.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for members of the WDC Resource Commission as they meet this week to encourage congregations in faith formation, evangelism, justice, peacemaking, and youth ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Soon after Connie and Dennis Byler began their retirement from four decades of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, Dennis was diagnosed with cancer. He underwent surgery last month. Pray for signs of God's presence and peace for the Byler family in Spain as they discern treatment protocols.

Prayer Request for Faith and Learning:

Pray for our newly admitted international students as they prepare for student visa appointments this month with US Consulate or Embassy offices in five different countries. The interview process can be stressful and confusing; pray that students can remain relaxed and will be granted visas to study at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart IN.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Pray for the refugees and volunteers who make a life together at the PIPKA Camp. Authorities on Lesbos are threatening to shut the camp down for "hygienic" reasons, although these reasons seem to be a front for political motives. PIPKA provides refugees and asylum seekers a more dignified and safer environment than the filthy, chaotic and overcrowded Moria camp.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Sadly, Yaser Abu al-Naja was the sixteenth Palestinian child to be killed by Israeli forces in Gaza. Since the beginning of the 'Great March of Return' 134 Palestinians have died, and 17,000 have needed medical attention. The World Methodist Council has called for a week of prayer for Gaza and the Holy Land from the 1st to the 7th of July. *Lord, we continue to pray for all who demonstrate for justice and equality. We give thanks for the prayer support of our brothers and sisters in the World Methodist Council. We pray in the name of Jesus, who proclaimed, 'Blessed are those who hunger and*

*thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.’ (Matthew 5:6)
Lord in your mercy...*

A mental health crisis is gripping the Gaza Strip, born of repeated wars and the stress of meeting daily needs in this besieged and impoverished Palestinian enclave. Recently there has been a significant increase in the numbers of those suffering from symptoms of psychological distress. *Lord God we pray for an end to the isolation of Gaza which is undermining the physical and mental health of those who live there. We pray for relief for the suffering people of Gaza and an end to their captivity. Lord in your mercy...*

Palestinian children from al-Awda camp in Eastern Gaza, set off balloons carrying photos of victims and prisoners, as well as messages to Israelis. Demonstrations at the Gaza border included traditional Palestinian dances and music. *Thank you, Lord for those who use their creative gifts to challenge injustice, and, we give you thanks for the children of al-Awda camp. Lord please let their messages and pictures speak into the hearts of their oppressors. Lord in your mercy...*

The United States has frozen aid funds to the Palestinian Authority under the ‘Taylor Force Law’. This law is intended to prevent the Palestinian Authority from paying monthly stipends to families of those killed, wounded and imprisoned by the Israeli army. Whilst the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, (UNRWA), which has been providing vital services to Palestinian refugees for seven decades, is now faced with its most severe financial crisis. *Lord, we pray that the Palestinian refugees are granted the right to return to their properties and homeland, and that the Israeli occupation comes to an end. We pray for the Palestinians who must now depend on the mercy and compassion of others. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli soldiers abducted seventeen Palestinians in several different areas of the occupied West Bank and summoned a young woman for interrogation. Israeli soldiers have broken into many Palestinian homes and dozens of Palestinians have been interrogated. Concerns have been raised over the deteriorating state of health of 24-year-old Omar al-Kiswani after the torture he was subjected to under interrogation in prison. He now suffers from severe backache after this abuse. *Lord, this relentless oppression is sapping our strength. We cry out to you and ask for deliverance. May the Palestinian people be restored to their land, so they can once again live in peace. Lord in your mercy...*

The Israeli army has announced that bulldozers will shortly arrive to wipe the West Bank Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar to make room for the expansion of Israeli Settlements. *Lord our hearts cry out as we witness such inhumanity. We pray for the Khan al-Ahmar community that their homes, school, community centre and land may not be taken from them. Lord in your mercy...*

The results of the Tawjihi (National exam for Palestinian students completing 12th grade) will be released this week. Students have to perform well in these exams to be admitted into university. *We pray for the thousands of young people who will be celebrating their achievement and we remember the students who may not reach their target grades. May the students of Palestine use their education to serve and strengthen their communities. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:
 Daniel, Allison, Aven Jantz, Derby, KS

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	8:00 a.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	NAMI – Gathering Room	1:30 p.m.
	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Study Group Book Study South Lobby
Reviving Old Scratch:
Demons & the Devil for Doubters & the Disenchanted
by Richard Beck
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Faith and Issues Class Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
led by Tom Harder

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:28)

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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